

WASHINGTON STATE

EMERGENCY OPERATIONS OFFICER

MONTHLY REPORT

OCTOBER 2006

CATEGORY	2006	2005	YTD 06	YTD 05
CSEPP INCIDENTS	5	6	50	66
DOE INCIDENTS	0	0	6	8
FIRE	40	63	312	333
HAZMAT	188	193	1836	1659
OTHER	40	17	398	227
911 OUTAGES	2	2	32	25
SAR	69	54	632	510
TERRORIST	0	0	1	0
WEATHER	2	12	49	60
CGS INCIDENTS	0	0	1	1
ESAR (NOT INCL IN TOTAL)	(4)	(5)	(37)	(54)
TOTAL	346	347	3317	3015

LEGEND

CSEPP	Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program
DOE	Department of Energy, Hanford Site
SAR	Search and Rescue Missions
HAZMAT	Hazardous Materials Incidents
WEATHER	Weather Incidents (throughout state, i.e., Flood, High Winds, and Snow)
CGS	Columbia Generating Station
FIRE	Forest Fire Incidents
OTHER	This category includes a wide variety of incidents, i.e., Tsunami, Earthquake, Critical Incident Stress Debriefings, Bomb Threat, etc...
911	911 Service Outages
ESAR	Evidence Search Mission (not included in total numbers)

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- On October 1, Fire Mobilization was approved at 0030 hours for a 1,000 acre fire located approximately 4 miles west of Bridgeport in Douglas County. Two unoccupied structures were destroyed with 6 homes threatened. The State EOC was already at Phase II Staffing to support the National Threat Level. The fire was contained on October 3 with 5,500+/- acres burned. Demobilization of State Fire

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resources was effective at 1200 hrs on October 3. State EOC remained at Phase II operations due to the increase in Homeland Security Threat Level for commercial and domestic flights within the United States.

- On October 1, King County commenced a search for 2 overdue male hikers near North Bend. Snohomish County assisted in the search with their helicopter. Both hikers were located and rescued in good condition.
- On October 7, the University of Washington reported an earthquake, magnitude 4.5. The event occurred at 7:48 PM PDT and was located 7.7 miles east of Mount Rainier. There were no reports of injuries or damages. However, the quake was felt as far away as Benton County.
- On October 8, a search was conducted in Snohomish County for a 76 year-old male Alzheimer's who walked away from his care facility in Everett. Trailing Dogs were coordinated from King County. The subject was located that night in good condition.
- On October 9 the National Weather Service issued a Freeze Warning for Benton, Franklin, Walla Walla, Klickitat, and Grant Counties. Temperatures of 30 degrees and below can be expected between 2:00 AM and 9:00 AM on October 10.
- On October 14, Pacific County initiated a search for a missing 62 year old male who failed to return from a walk near Ledbetter Park. Resources from Clark, Cowlitz, Wahkiakum, Pierce, Lewis counties were coordinated. Subject was located unharmed the next day.
- On October 14, Snohomish County initiated a search for two missing hunters who failed to return from a hunting trip just north of Skykomish on the Beckler River Road. Search dogs from King County were called out to assist in the search. Both subjects were located in good condition the following day.
- On October 18, Snohomish County initiated an Amber Alert for two children abducted during a car-jacking incident within the city of Arlington. Both children were found safe and returned to their mother early the next day after the abductor abandoned the vehicle in the Marysville.
- On October 19, the National Park Service at Mt Rainier requested ground search assistance for a missing female hiker. Searchers from King, Pierce and Yakima

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Counties were called to assist in the search. The subject was located the following day by searchers in good condition.

- On October 20, Whatcom County requested assistance in rescuing a 22 year old male injured climber who fell on Coleman Glacier. Mountain Rescue teams from Snohomish and Pierce Counties were coordinated to assist in the rescue. Subject was rescued later that day and transported to a local hospital for treatment of injuries.
- On October 21, a 3.5 magnitude earthquake occurred at Mount St. Helens. The quake triggered a rock slide and emitted a plume of ash into the atmosphere. As a result of the ash release, the NWS issued an Ash Fall Advisory for the Southern Washington Cascades which was allowed to expire that evening.
- On October 26, Walla Walla County requested assistance for the search of a 71-year old male missing in Walla Walla. Request for a blood hound was coordinated, but unsuccessful. The subject was found that same day by a local resident and transported to a hospital for observation.
- On October 26, Whatcom County commenced a rescue of an injured 24 year-old female hiker near the town of Glacier. Additional ground SAR personnel from Snohomish, King Counties, and British Columbia assisted in the extraction. She was transported to a local area hospital in stable condition on October 29th.
- On October 27, Kitsap County commenced a rescue for a missing 78 year-old dementia patient who apparently had walked away from his care home late in the evening. Additional search dog teams from Pierce County assisted in the search and ground personnel responded from Grays Harbor County. The subject was located around noon on Oct 28 in good condition.
- On October 28, the University of Washington Seismology lab reported an earthquake, magnitude 3.2. The event occurred at 1440 hours PDT and was located 0 miles WSW of Mt St Helens Volcano. The earthquake was .4 miles deep. There were no reports of damages or the event being felt in the surrounding jurisdictions.
- On October 29, National Weather Service Seattle issued a short term Gale Warning for the Inland Waters of Puget Sound. The Gale Warning was cancelled quickly with

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no noted impact. Later that day a Coastal Flood Warning was issued for the Sandy Point area of Whatcom County which expired at 1400hrs.

- For the month of October 2006 the SEOO's:
 - Issued 13 warnings to jurisdictions for imminent or occurring emergencies
 - Issued 1 warnings to tribal nations for imminent or occurring emergencies
 - Conducted 599 notifications to state agency liaisons for imminent or occurring emergencies
 - Coordinated 45 resources for search, rescue, recovery and response operations
 - Participated in 34 exercises of which 24 were vessel spill drills
 - Made 12,598 and answered 15,610 telephone calls
 - Conducted 1,860 National Warning System Tests, conducted 240 Comprehensive Emergency Management Network (CEMNET) radio tests. (connects all counties and many cities via Zetron Radio Console)
 - Conducted 58 dedicated line tests with the Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program (CSEPP)
 - Conducted 6 dedicated line tests with the Department of Energy, Hanford Site (DOE)
 - Conducted 4 dedicated line tests with the Columbia Generating Station (CGS)